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TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION NOVEMBER 1983 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS

The actual unemployment rate for Texas dropped from September's 8.6 percent to 6.9 percent in October -- its lowest point since May 1982. The number of jobless Texans decreased by 130,500 over the month, totaling 532,200 in mid-October. At the same time, total employment in the actual series rose by 72,200 in October to total 7,133,800. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State was also down substantially in October, to 7.4 percent. Nationally, both the actual and the seasonally adjusted rates were down over the month, with the actual rate falling from 8.8 percent in September to 8.4 percent in October and the seasonally adjusted rate declining from 9.3 percent to 8.8 percent in October.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	112,042.0	112,197.0	110,767.0
Unemployment	9,383.0	9,830.0	10,942.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.8	9.9
Total Employment	102,659.0	102,367.0	99,825.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	111,815.0	112,368.0	110,752.0
Unemployment	9,886.0	10,423.0	11,576.0
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.3	10.5
Total Employment	101,929.0	101,945.0	99,176.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,666.0	7,724.3	7,362.9
Unemployment	532.2	662.7	558.1
Percent Unemployed	6.9	8.6	7.6
Total Employment	7,133.8	7,061.6	6,804.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,669.0	7,726.0	7,361.0
Unemployment	571.0	659.0	592.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	8.5	8.0
Total Employment	7,098.0	7,067.0	6,769.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

The number of salaried nonfarm jobs in Texas continued to expand, as most major sectors reported payroll additions in October 1983. Although levels were still below those of a year earlier in many industries, the 15,200 additional jobs recorded in October served to reinforce the slow economic recovery of the past few months. There were a total of 6,208,600 salaried jobs in the State in October.

The largest over-the-month expansion occurred in government, with over 9,000 more jobs in October. All of the gains were in the state and local sectors, and the majority of the growth was due to the completion of staffing for the fall semester. The educational sector also pushed employment up in services, despite losses in business and repair services, health services, and in amusement, including motion pictures.

Another nonmanufacturing group which showed substantial growth in October was wholesale and retail trade. General merchandise stores showed a considerable increase and the other retail trade sector, which includes furniture, home furnishings, and equipment stores, also generated a large portion of the increase. The wholesale trade sector registered only nominal growth over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'83*	Sep.'83**	Oct.'82*	Oct.'83*	Sep.'83**	Oct.'82**	Oct.'83*	Sep.'83**	Oct.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,900	60,800	59,900	79,800	79,700	78,300	274,200	272,800	268,700
Manufacturing	6,000	5,900	6,600	11,100	11,000	10,200	34,000	33,600	33,400
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	1,900	2,000	2,300	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,200	3,200	3,300	15,400	15,300	14,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,600	6,600	6,500	7,800	7,800	7,800
Trade	15,800	15,800	15,400	24,200	24,400	24,500	62,700	62,600	59,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,300	4,100	17,400	17,300	17,600
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	13,600	14,900	14,900	14,600	54,300	54,200	53,600
Government	9,700	9,700	9,400	13,600	13,300	12,800	81,800	81,200	81,700
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	145,000	144,300	147,800	59,100	59,400	58,100	44,900	44,300	43,900
Manufacturing	33,700	33,900	35,700	8,800	8,700	9,000	3,100	3,200	3,100
Mining	2,300	2,200	2,400	100	100	100	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	9,900	9,800	11,300	3,400	3,300	3,700	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,400	12,700	12,300	3,400	3,500	3,500	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	34,000	33,900	33,700	17,500	17,700	16,700	9,200	9,200	9,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,700	26,400	26,100	10,600	10,700	10,100	6,000	6,000	5,900
Government	20,300	19,700	20,500	12,400	12,400	12,100	18,300	17,600	17,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,200	134,000	134,800	1,596.6	1,591.8	1,549.5	165,300	165,700	165,200
Manufacturing	15,000	15,100	15,300	311.6	311.5	309.2	38,400	39,100	37,200
Mining	8,800	8,900	9,200	32.0	32.6	32.9	--	--	--
Construction	12,000	12,200	12,500	87.4	87.3	85.4	8,000	8,000	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,300	7,400	7,800	98.7	98.9	97.6	10,500	10,400	10,600
Trade	32,300	32,600	32,500	433.0	431.1	420.3	40,000	39,700	40,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,600	6,400	122.7	122.2	117.4	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,200	24,300	24,600	323.8	322.5	304.5	27,100	27,200	27,500
Government	27,000	26,900	26,500	187.4	185.7	182.2	33,500	33,500	33,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	69,700	68,900	69,000	1,548.9	1,546.3	1,576.9	62,600	62,600	60,400
Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	11,500	223.9	224.2	243.5	8,600	8,700	8,000
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	103.9	103.0	--	--	--
Construction	5,200	5,100	4,400	135.5	136.4	144.3	3,600	3,700	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,500	6,400	106.3	108.7	109.3	3,300	3,200	3,100
Trade	13,000	13,100	13,000	367.4	366.0	377.7	13,900	14,000	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,500	102.2	102.6	100.2	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,200	10,300	10,400	330.4	328.2	321.6	11,500	11,400	11,300
Government	19,100	18,200	18,000	178.9	176.3	177.3	19,400	19,300	19,000

2/ In Thousands

Employment growth in mining strengthened in October, showing the largest number of new jobs since June 1983. Small increases scattered among most of the sectors of transportation and public utilities created a sizeable gain for the industry as a whole. The largest portion of the increase was in transportation except railroads, where motor freight transportation and warehousing contributed most of the growth. Offsetting small gains and losses in banking and in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector produced a minimal upward shift in the finance, insurance and real estate group.

The only large setback experienced over the month occurred in construction, where 3,400 jobs were lost. Most of the decrease was attributed to a decrease in the number of construction starts, due in part to the tight economy.

The manufacturing sector continued to expand, with 3,400 job additions in October. While this segment still had almost 5,000 fewer jobs than a year earlier, the acceleration shown during the past few months is encouraging. What is even more

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82*	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82**	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83*	Oct. '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,000	29,500	31,100	67,900	68,400	68,000	90,200	90,300	90,000
Manufacturing	1,700	1,600	1,700	15,900	16,100	16,600	10,500	10,700	11,400
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,500	4,500	4,600	700	700	600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,600	4,400	4,400	4,700	4,200	4,200	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200	3,800	3,900	3,700	4,800	4,700	4,800
Trade	9,400	9,300	10,100	17,100	17,300	17,000	26,600	26,300	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,000
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,800	4,900	11,400	11,400	11,000	17,400	17,600	16,900
Government	6,900	6,700	6,800	7,900	7,900	7,600	20,800	20,900	20,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	77,500	75,800	77,200	54,600	53,500	52,100	56,500	56,400	57,900
Manufacturing	9,100	9,000	8,300	4,300	4,100	4,200	6,000	6,100	7,400
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	13,100	12,700	13,600	8,200	8,200	7,900
Construction	5,900	5,900	5,900	4,200	4,200	4,500	5,200	5,100	6,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,000	2,900	2,800	3,100
Trade	23,800	22,500	25,000	11,800	11,700	10,900	15,400	15,300	15,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	3,600	3,600	3,300	2,300	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,800	9,400	9,100	8,000	8,900	8,800	8,400
Government	21,300	21,000	20,800	5,000	4,900	4,600	7,600	7,700	6,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,000	35,700	36,100	439,300	437,200	420,500	33,500	33,600	33,800
Manufacturing	5,500	5,300	5,800	49,100	49,700	48,900	11,100	11,100	11,000
Mining	600	700	700	3,400	3,400	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	29,300	29,100	27,400	1,300	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,700	3,800	19,200	19,100	18,200	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,900	8,600	114,700	114,500	108,000	7,000	7,000	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	30,100	29,800	29,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,200	7,200	95,700	94,900	90,900	5,700	5,700	5,800
Government	6,700	6,400	6,400	97,800	96,700	94,900	4,700	4,700	4,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,300	46,400	45,200	56,500	56,200	54,600	73,300	73,000	71,300
Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,400	10,900	10,900	10,800	15,300	15,200	15,000
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,200	--	--	--
Construction	2,500	2,600	1,900	2,400	2,400	2,500	3,700	3,800	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,700	3,200	3,300	3,400
Trade	11,200	11,200	10,700	15,000	14,900	14,000	17,900	17,800	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,400	4,400	4,400
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,400	11,200	11,100	10,900	16,700	16,600	16,100
Government	12,900	12,900	12,800	7,900	7,800	7,400	12,100	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	54,100	53,800	53,300						
Manufacturing	9,300	9,100	8,600						
Mining	3,300	3,200	3,500						
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200						
Trade	13,500	13,500	13,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	9,100						
Government	10,900	10,900	10,900						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
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encouraging is that two-thirds of the over-the-month improvement occurred in the durable goods sector, where most of the layoffs during the past year were centered.

Within durable goods, nonelectrical machinery showed the largest number of additions, due in part to the improvement in the oil field business. Stone, clay and glass products also registered a moderate gain as consumer demand increased. Only two durable goods sectors recorded losses over the month, both of them small. Manufacturers of instruments and related products released workers in October, and makers of electric and electronic equipment also deleted jobs.

The nondurable goods sector contributed over 1,000 new jobs in October, with decreases in only three major sectors. The largest upturn in nondurable goods was

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY	Oct. 1983*	Sep. 1983**	Oct. 1982**	Change From Sep. 1983	Change From Oct. 1982
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,208,600	6,193,400	6,219,900	15,200	- 11,300
Manufacturing	1,009,500	1,006,100	1,014,400	3,400	- 4,900
Durable Goods	585,500	583,200	590,900	2,300	- 5,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,400	40,600	37,800	- 200	2,600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,900	7,600	0	300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,300	14,500	100	1,900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,900	49,300	44,900	600	5,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,700	23,600	21,300	100	2,400
Primary Metal Industries	39,200	39,000	38,300	200	900
Fabricated Metal Products	85,700	85,400	90,000	300	- 4,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,400	45,100	46,800	300	- 1,400
Machinery, Except Electrical	139,500	138,700	152,700	800	- 13,200
Oil Field Machinery	44,600	44,200	53,500	400	- 8,900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,500	100,700	99,100	- 200	1,400
Transportation Equipment	77,400	76,900	75,500	500	1,900
Aircraft & Parts	39,000	39,100	38,800	- 100	200
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	23,000	24,700	- 300	- 2,000
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,800	13,300	13,400	500	400
Nondurable Goods	424,000	422,900	423,500	1,100	500
Food & Kindred Products	98,100	97,200	98,000	900	100
Meat Products	27,000	26,900	26,300	100	700
Dairy Products	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
Bakery Products	11,700	11,200	11,500	500	200
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,300	66,600	64,800	- 300	1,500
Paper & Allied Products	21,800	21,600	22,200	200	- 400
Printing & Publishing	68,600	68,200	67,300	400	1,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,900	35,000	34,600	- 100	300
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,700	79,900	81,600	- 200	- 1,900
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,400	43,500	44,500	- 100	- 1,100
Petroleum Refining	40,600	40,800	41,700	- 200	- 1,100
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,100	9,200	0	- 100
Other Nondurable Goods	31,600	31,400	30,400	200	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,199,100	5,187,300	5,205,500	11,800	- 6,400
Mining	288,100	286,800	298,100	1,300	- 10,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	278,900	277,600	288,300	1,300	- 9,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,200	9,200	9,800	0	- 600
Construction	387,500	390,900	421,900	- 3,400	- 34,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	382,000	381,000	380,700	1,000	1,300
Railroad Transportation	25,100	25,100	26,300	0	- 1,200
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,700	184,000	179,900	700	4,800
Transportation by Air	37,000	36,600	36,200	400	800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	92,400	92,100	95,100	300	- 2,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,800	79,800	79,400	0	400
Electric Services	44,800	44,900	43,800	- 100	1,000
Gas Production & Distribution	29,600	29,600	30,400	0	- 800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,543,600	1,541,100	1,539,200	2,500	4,400
Wholesale Trade	429,700	428,900	439,700	800	- 10,000
Retail Trade	1,113,900	1,112,200	1,099,500	1,700	14,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,900	49,800	47,100	100	2,800
General Merchandise Stores	146,600	145,400	146,400	1,200	200
Food Stores	197,800	198,400	193,300	- 600	4,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,300	122,200	125,100	100	- 2,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,800	79,900	80,900	- 100	- 1,100
Other Retail Trade	517,500	516,500	506,700	1,000	10,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	374,600	374,500	365,700	100	8,900
Banking	100,100	100,600	100,100	- 500	0
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,200	120,100	120,000	100	200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	154,300	153,800	145,600	500	8,700
Services	1,176,900	1,175,900	1,166,100	1,000	10,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	67,400	67,300	67,400	100	0
Personal Services	74,100	73,900	74,300	200	- 200
Business & Repair Services	313,800	314,500	312,200	- 700	1,600
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	44,000	44,300	45,900	- 300	- 1,900
Health Services	330,800	331,400	325,700	- 600	5,100
Educational Services	64,300	62,100	60,000	2,200	4,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,500	282,400	280,600	100	1,900
Total Government	1,046,400	1,037,100	1,033,800	9,300	12,600
Total Federal Government	178,000	178,400	172,300	- 400	5,700
Total State Government	240,400	236,000	233,600	4,400	6,800
Total Local Government	628,000	622,700	627,900	5,300	100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.
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TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'83*	Sep.'83**	Oct.'82**	Oct.'83*	Sep.'83**	Oct.'82**	Oct.'83*	Sep.'83**	Oct.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	80,600	76,100	100,400	100,500	95,000	311,200	310,500	296,300
Total Unemployment	3,600	4,700	3,800	4,600	5,600	4,900	11,100	13,700	13,400
Percent Unemployed	4.5	5.8	5.0	4.6	5.6	5.2	3.6	4.4	4.5
Total Employment 2/	76,600	75,900	72,300	95,800	94,900	90,100	300,100	296,800	282,900
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	181,800	185,600	180,600	86,600	89,200	82,400	53,300	52,800	50,800
Total Unemployment	21,900	28,000	22,300	12,400	15,400	12,000	1,700	2,200	2,100
Percent Unemployed	12.0	15.1	12.3	14.3	17.3	14.6	3.2	4.2	4.1
Total Employment 2/	159,900	157,600	158,300	74,200	73,800	70,400	51,600	50,600	48,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	171,300	175,300	162,900	1,799.6	1,800.6	1,706.0	195,100	198,900	190,500
Total Unemployment	17,400	21,900	12,700	81.6	100.2	99.4	20,400	25,000	22,800
Percent Unemployed	10.2	12.5	7.8	4.5	5.6	5.8	10.5	12.6	12.0
Total Employment 2/	153,900	153,400	150,200	1,718.0	1,700.4	1,606.5	174,700	173,900	167,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,100	93,300	89,100	1,794.3	1,813.2	1,750.5	74,100	74,600	69,500
Total Unemployment	9,600	12,300	10,400	145.9	182.3	137.5	3,700	4,700	4,200
Percent Unemployed	10.4	13.2	11.7	8.1	10.1	7.9	5.0	6.3	6.0
Total Employment 2/	82,500	81,000	78,700	1,648.4	1,630.9	1,613.0	70,400	69,900	65,300
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,400	41,100	40,000	80,200	82,000	78,800	110,800	111,500	105,700
Total Unemployment	8,600	10,800	8,900	8,000	10,200	9,300	6,200	7,500	5,300
Percent Unemployed	21.8	26.3	22.3	10.0	12.4	11.8	5.6	6.7	5.0
Total Employment 2/	30,800	30,300	31,100	72,200	71,800	69,500	104,600	104,000	100,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	115,800	118,000	109,700	69,200	68,100	62,900	74,100	75,000	72,100
Total Unemployment	22,800	29,600	20,300	3,800	4,400	3,000	5,700	7,300	4,500
Percent Unemployed	19.7	25.1	18.5	5.5	6.5	4.8	7.7	9.7	6.2
Total Employment 2/	93,000	88,400	89,400	65,400	63,700	59,900	68,400	67,700	67,600
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,700	47,700	46,600	501,900	502,300	468,000	39,300	39,700	39,500
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,600	2,500	27,400	33,200	29,900	2,500	3,100	3,600
Percent Unemployed	4.6	5.5	5.4	5.5	6.6	6.4	6.4	7.8	9.1
Total Employment 2/	45,500	45,100	44,100	474,500	469,100	438,100	36,800	36,600	35,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,800	52,300	51,000	75,700	75,400	71,100	40,800	41,500	40,100
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,300	5,000	4,200	5,000	4,700	3,300	4,300	3,700
Percent Unemployed	9.1	10.1	9.8	5.5	6.6	6.6	8.1	10.4	9.2
Total Employment 2/	47,100	47,000	46,000	71,500	70,400	66,400	37,500	37,200	36,400
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	87,900	87,400	83,900	68,100	68,200	66,300	7,666.0	7,724.3	7,362.9
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,800	5,400	3,800	4,500	5,000	532.2	662.7	558.1
Percent Unemployed	4.9	5.5	6.4	5.6	6.6	7.5	6.9	8.6	7.6
Total Employment 2/	83,600	82,600	78,500	64,300	63,700	61,300	7,133.8	7,061.6	6,804.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3 In thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.± 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct.± 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct.± 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$371.01	$371.01	$346.26	41.5	41.5	39.8	$ 8.94	$ 8.94	$ 8.70
Durable Goods	365.51	364.56	346.58	41.3	41.1	39.7	8.85	8.87	8.73
Lumber & Wood Products	242.97	243.04	229.67	39.0	38.7	38.6	6.23	6.28	5.95
Furniture & Fixtures	242.67	240.67	249.87	41.2	41.0	41.3	5.89	5.87	6.05
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	360.18	363.77	321.44	43.5	44.2	41.8	8.28	8.23	7.69
Primary Metal Industries	401.60	396.47	406.27	40.0	39.1	38.4	10.04	10.14	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	362.71	360.60	342.53	40.8	40.7	38.4	8.89	8.86	8.92
Machinery, Exc. Electric	358.48	355.83	345.05	41.3	40.9	39.3	8.68	8.70	8.78
Oil Field Machinery	415.95	407.09	402.75	40.9	39.6	37.5	10.17	10.28	10.74
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	374.11	382.27	348.33	41.8	42.1	39.9	8.95	9.08	8.73
Transportation Equipment	486.51	484.45	470.11	41.3	41.3	42.2	11.78	11.73	11.14
Aircraft & Parts	493.66	500.82	476.02	40.9	41.7	42.2	12.07	12.01	11.28
Instr. & Related Products	328.84	327.64	285.39	40.9	40.6	37.9	8.04	8.07	7.53
Misc. Mfg. Industries	315.98	312.06	277.55	42.7	42.4	40.4	7.40	7.36	6.87
Nondurable Goods	379.13	381.01	346.40	41.8	42.1	40.0	9.07	9.05	8.66
Food & Kindred Products	321.73	334.84	307.22	42.5	44.0	42.2	7.57	7.61	7.28
Meat Products	286.38	308.88	283.37	43.0	44.7	43.0	6.66	6.91	6.59
Malt Beverages	643.37	640.47	625.22	43.5	43.1	43.6	14.79	14.86	14.34
Textile Mill Products	261.14	258.12	246.08	42.6	41.7	42.5	6.13	6.19	5.79
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	186.09	188.82	167.56	37.9	38.3	35.5	4.91	4.93	4.72
Paper & Allied Products	425.90	428.12	381.91	45.6	45.4	42.2	9.34	9.43	9.05
Printing & Publishing	350.20	343.13	303.18	41.2	40.8	37.2	8.50	8.41	8.15
Chemicals & Allied Products	595.02	586.79	548.10	42.9	42.8	42.0	13.87	13.71	13.05
Petroleum & Coal Products	606.96	621.62	552.40	43.2	43.5	42.2	14.05	14.29	13.09
Petroleum Refining	630.81	647.46	571.94	43.0	43.6	41.9	14.67	14.85	13.65
Leather & Leather Products	225.91	233.60	185.73	41.3	43.1	39.1	5.47	5.42	4.75
Other Nondurable Goods	387.20	373.68	316.01	44.1	43.1	39.9	8.78	8.67	7.92
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	487.76	489.75	470.02	45.5	45.9	45.5	10.72	10.67	10.33
Oil & Gas Extraction	492.02	494.04	471.38	45.6	46.0	45.5	10.79	10.74	10.36
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	368.01	369.95	417.31	43.5	44.2	44.3	8.46	8.37	9.42
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	402.98	425.32	390.43	39.2	40.2	39.2	10.28	10.58	9.96
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	427.99	427.43	405.60	40.8	41.7	41.6	10.49	10.25	9.75
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.93	236.32	225.10	34.1	34.6	33.9	6.86	6.83	6.64
Wholesale Trade	360.64	360.70	338.37	39.5	39.9	39.3	9.13	9.04	8.61
Retail Trade	185.54	187.85	179.74	32.1	32.5	31.7	5.78	5.78	5.67
General Mdse. Stores	168.64	168.04	156.11	29.9	29.9	29.4	5.64	5.62	5.31
Banking	236.28	236.22	227.48	35.8	35.9	37.6	6.60	6.58	6.05

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$364.97	$368.46	$337.39	41.1	41.4	39.6	$ 8.88	$ 8.90	$ 8.52
Durable Goods	384.29	387.61	355.50	41.1	41.5	39.5	9.35	9.34	9.00
Nondurable Goods	321.44	324.69	296.91	41.0	41.1	39.8	7.84	7.90	7.46
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	448.56	454.53	419.12	42.0	42.4	40.3	10.68	10.72	10.40
Durable Goods	401.70	401.57	382.78	41.8	41.7	39.3	9.61	9.63	9.74
Nondurable Goods	524.45	540.57	482.58	42.4	43.7	42.0	12.37	12.37	11.49
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	274.96	279.55	248.45	41.1	41.6	38.7	6.69	6.72	6.42
Durable Goods	292.94	301.49	271.60	40.8	41.3	40.0	7.18	7.30	6.79
Nondurable Goods	256.06	258.10	226.13	41.3	41.9	37.5	6.20	6.16	6.03

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

in food and kindred products, with increases widespread throughout the industry. Printing and publishing recorded the only other gain of more than 200 in nondurable goods. Small reductions were recorded in apparel and other finished textile products as fall buying tapered off, in chemicals and allied products, and in petroleum and coal products.

Statewide agricultural employment totaled 180,570 in October 1983 compared to 179,330 in October 1983. The difference in employment is relatively small; but, were it not for the Payment in Kind Program, which has idled farmlands, agricultural employment would probably be somewhat higher than it is.

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HOURS, EARNINGS UNCHANGED OVER MONTH

Average hours worked by a manufacturing production worker in Texas remained at 41.5 hours in October 1983, and average hourly earnings were also stable at $8.94, for a weekly earnings average of $371.01. Although manufacturing as a whole was unchanged, hours and earnings for durable goods and nondurable goods workers did vary over the month. Employees in durable goods worked 0.2 hours longer in October on average than in September, but at 2¢ less per hour, with a net result of a 95¢ gain in average weekly earnings. Increased oil field activity generated a rise in the number of hours worked in the oil field machinery segment of nonelectrical machinery. Nondurable goods employees worked 0.3 hours less in October for 2¢ more per hour, earning an average of $379.13 a week, down $1.88 from September. The largest increase in hours worked in nondurable goods occurred in other rubber and plastics products, where more overtime worked pushed average hours up by 3.6 hours.

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose from September's 715,000 to 719,100 in October 1983. The increase was about evenly split between production workers in durable goods industries and those in nondurable goods industries.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1983	Oct. 1982
Total Population	15,974,500	15,418,900
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	2.3
UI Covered Employers	294,073	284,120
Total Claims Actions	497,279	732,946
Total Initial Claims Actions	64,804	90,300
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	432,475	642,646
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$133.24	$125.63
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$56,577,697	$71,064,571
Total Placements	INA	31,751

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY SMSA

Third Quarter
July 1, 1983 - September 30, 1983

Abilene	$ 1,209,507
Amarillo	1,651,636
Austin	3,469,096
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	13,214,128
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	4,953,592
Bryan-College Station	736,860
Corpus Christi	9,487,062
Dallas-Fort Worth	27,108,075
El Paso	7,164,709
Galveston-Texas City	4,844,240
Houston	80,037,020
Killeen-Temple	1,398,562
Laredo	3,485,853
Longview-Marshall	3,974,439
Lubbock	2,355,206
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	8,358,015
Midland	1,565,781
Odessa	3,507,623
San Angelo	756,120
San Antonio	8,162,529
Sherman-Denison	887,455
Texarkana (Bowie County only)	930,197
Tyler	1,676,451
Waco	1,210,755
Wichita Falls	1,421,546

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES FURTHER

The Texas unemployment rate continued to remain below levels of recent months in November, as seasonal hiring and a somewhat improved economy pushed the actual unemployment rate to 6.8 percent, one-tenth of a percent below October's rate of 6.9 percent. There were, however, still over half a million jobless Texans in November, with unemployment totaling 521,500. Total employment rose by 18,000 over the month, to 7,151,800 in mid-November, a new record high.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined more sharply, from October's 7.4 percent to 6.7 percent in November. The U. S. actual unemployment rate was down from 8.4 percent in October to 8.1 percent in November. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation also decreased, from 8.8 percent in October to 8.4 percent in November.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	112,147.0	112,042.0	110,855.0
Unemployment	9,129.0	9,383.0	11,476.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.4	10.4
Total Employment	103,018.0	102,659.0	99,379.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,036.0	111,815.0	111,042.0
Unemployment	9,364.0	9,886.0	11,906.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.8	10.7
Total Employment	102,672.0	101,929.0	99,136.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,673.3	7,666.0	7,456.9
Unemployment	521.5	532.2	565.6
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.9	7.6
Total Employment	7,151.8	7,133.8	6,891.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,657.0	7,669.0	7,445.0
Unemployment	516.0	571.0	560.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.4	7.5
Total Employment	7,141.0	7,098.0	6,885.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES

For the first time since August 1982, the current wage and salary employment total in November was above that recorded a year earlier. It has taken the Texas economy more than a year to climb back to the levels enjoyed early in 1982, before the National recession and problems in the oil and gas industry put a damper on growth. The only pessimistic note in the November figures is that a portion of the increase this month is seasonal and some of these jobs may be eliminated after the holidays.

Retail trade recorded the largest over-the-month gain, with 6,000 additional positions in November. Most of this increase was seasonal, as merchants hired staff to assist during the Christmas rush. The majority of the expansion was in general merchandise stores and apparel and accessory stores. Small losses were recorded in other retail trade, in automotive dealers and service stations, and in building materials and garden supplies. Some of these declines were also seasonal in nature.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov.'83*	Oct.'83**	Nov.'82*	Nov.'83*	Oct.'83**	Nov.'82**	Nov.'83*	Oct.'83**	Nov.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	61,000	60,900	60,100	80,000	79,500	78,400	275,700	274,300	270,100
Manufacturing	6,000	5,900	6,900	11,000	11,100	10,300	34,300	34,000	33,600
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	2,000	1,900	2,300	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,400	3,200	3,200	3,100	15,600	15,400	14,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,500	6,500	6,500	7,900	7,800	7,800
Trade	15,900	15,800	15,500	24,600	24,200	24,700	63,100	62,800	60,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,300	4,100	17,400	17,400	17,600
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	13,600	14,700	14,800	14,600	54,600	54,400	53,800
Government	9,700	9,800	9,300	13,700	13,500	12,800	82,000	81,700	81,500
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,100	144,700	147,600	59,100	59,100	58,000	45,100	44,900	44,100
Manufacturing	33,300	33,600	34,700	8,800	8,700	8,900	3,200	3,100	2,900
Mining	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100	1,600	1,500	1,500
Construction	10,000	9,900	11,500	3,400	3,400	3,600	2,800	2,900	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,200	12,400	12,300	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	34,200	34,100	34,000	17,500	17,500	16,800	9,100	9,200	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,600	26,200	10,600	10,700	10,200	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	20,100	20,100	20,700	12,400	12,400	12,100	18,500	18,300	17,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,100	132,800	134,400	1,602.5	1,599.6	1,547.2	165,500	166,100	165,400
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	15,200	313.8	313.6	308.7	38,100	38,400	37,100
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.5	32.6	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,100	12,000	12,700	87.9	87.4	84.5	7,800	8,000	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,300	7,700	98.9	98.7	97.2	10,400	10,500	10,600
Trade	32,400	32,300	32,300	436.6	433.1	422.4	40,100	40,000	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,600	6,300	122.8	122.8	117.1	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,700	23,900	24,700	321.8	324.5	301.9	26,900	27,100	27,600
Government	27,100	26,900	26,300	188.2	186.9	182.6	34,400	34,300	33,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,100	69,800	68,900	1,555.6	1,549.4	1,570.3	62,700	62,800	60,500
Manufacturing	10,700	10,500	11,300	222.3	223.4	240.3	8,600	8,700	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	105.3	104.4	102.6	--	--	--
Construction	5,400	5,300	4,800	136.4	136.5	143.0	3,800	3,700	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,500	6,300	108.0	106.4	109.2	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,900	370.0	367.3	377.6	14,000	13,900	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,600	101.4	102.1	100.0	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,100	10,200	10,100	332.1	329.8	319.2	11,300	11,500	11,200
Government	19,200	19,100	18,100	180.1	179.5	178.4	19,400	19,400	19,100

2/ In Thousands

Increases in motor freight transportation and warehousing and in water transportation pushed employment up in transportation and public utilities by some 4,600 over the month. Government registered a gain of 4,600 which was concentrated in the local and state sectors. Most of the increase was seasonal, as government agencies hired temporary workers to assist in year-end activities. Educational institutions were also hiring more substitute teachers and staff as needed. The federal sector posted a smaller gain as additional postal workers were hired for Christmas.

Oil field activities continued to pick up, and an additional 2,600 jobs were registered in mining over the month. This upturn in oil and gas activity has not yet brought employment back up to year-ago levels, but the recent acceleration is an encouraging sign that this industry is still alive in Texas.

Jobs in services advanced on the strength of increases in business and repair services, where general improvements brought 1,000 more jobs between October and November. The largest declines in services were in health services, where hospitals

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,000	29,900	30,700	68,200	67,900	68,400	90,900	90,700	90,600
Manufacturing	1,900	1,700	1,700	16,000	15,900	16,600	10,200	10,600	11,400
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,600	4,500	4,500	700	700	600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,500	4,300	4,300	4,800	4,100	4,200	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200	3,900	3,900	3,800	5,000	4,800	4,800
Trade	9,300	9,300	10,100	17,300	17,100	17,000	26,700	26,600	26,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,400	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,100
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	4,900	11,300	11,400	11,200	17,700	17,600	17,000
Government	6,800	6,900	6,600	7,900	7,900	7,700	21,300	21,000	20,900
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	79,300	77,600	78,200	54,900	54,400	51,700	57,100	56,500	57,000
Manufacturing	9,700	9,000	8,600	4,000	4,200	4,200	6,100	6,000	7,300
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,600	13,100	13,000	13,600	8,300	8,200	8,000
Construction	5,800	5,900	5,900	4,100	4,200	4,400	5,600	5,200	5,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,200	3,200	3,000	2,700	2,800	3,100
Trade	25,000	23,900	25,500	12,100	11,800	10,700	15,500	15,400	15,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,200	3,000	3,700	3,600	3,200	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,900	10,000	9,800	9,600	9,400	8,000	9,100	9,000	8,300
Government	21,400	21,400	21,100	5,100	5,000	4,600	7,500	7,600	6,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,800	36,000	36,200	440,800	439,100	422,000	33,600	33,600	33,700
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,700	49,600	49,200	48,900	11,100	11,100	10,800
Mining	600	600	700	3,400	3,400	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	29,200	29,400	27,600	1,300	1,300	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,700	19,300	19,100	18,200	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	9,000	8,800	8,900	115,900	114,700	108,600	7,000	7,100	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	29,800	30,000	29,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,100	7,300	7,200	95,400	95,500	90,800	5,700	5,700	5,800
Government	6,600	6,700	6,400	98,200	97,800	95,700	4,800	4,700	4,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,700	46,600	45,300	56,800	56,500	55,400	73,400	73,300	71,400
Manufacturing	8,400	8,300	8,300	11,000	10,900	10,900	15,200	15,300	15,000
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,100	--	--	--
Construction	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,400	2,400	2,500	3,700	3,700	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	11,300	11,200	10,800	15,200	15,000	14,700	18,200	17,900	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,500	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,600	7,400	11,200	11,200	10,900	16,700	16,700	16,100
Government	13,100	13,100	12,800	7,900	7,900	7,400	11,900	12,100	11,700
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	54,100	54,100	52,900						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	8,600						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,000	3,200						
Trade	13,500	13,500	13,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	9,000						
Government	10,900	11,000	10,900						

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and nursing and personal care facilities reported numerous small cutbacks, and in amusements, including motion pictures, which traditionally shows decreases at this time of the year.

Increased business in real estate loans and investments pushed employment up in the "other" portion of finance, insurance and real estate, while the other two sectors -- banking and insurance carriers, agents and brokers -- remained unchanged over the month.

For the fifth consecutive month, construction employment dropped in November. Some 11,600 jobs have been lost since June 1983 in this industry, as higher interest rates and tight money have slowed building in most sectors.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Change From Oct. 1983	Change From Nov. 1982
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,230,600	6,211,700	6,215,200	18,900	15,400
Manufacturing	1,010,500	1,009,300	1,007,800	1,200	2,700
Durable Goods	586,000	585,300	585,400	700	600
Lumber & Wood Products	40,200	40,500	37,600	- 300	2,600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,900	7,500	0	400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,600	14,500	- 200	1,900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,200	49,700	44,900	- 500	4,300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,500	23,600	21,300	- 100	2,200
Primary Metal Industries	38,900	39,000	38,000	- 100	900
Fabricated Metal Products	85,600	85,600	88,300	0	- 2,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,300	45,400	45,900	- 100	- 600
Machinery, Except Electrical	140,200	139,500	149,900	700	- 9,700
Oil Field Machinery	45,200	44,500	51,200	700	- 6,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	101,200	100,800	99,900	400	1,300
Transportation Equipment	77,700	77,000	74,800	700	2,900
Aircraft & Parts	39,000	39,000	38,900	0	100
Instruments & Related Products	22,800	22,800	23,900	0	- 1,100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,800	13,800	13,600	0	200
Nondurable Goods	424,500	424,000	422,400	500	2,100
Food & Kindred Products	98,900	98,000	98,200	900	700
Meat Products	27,000	27,000	26,900	0	100
Dairy Products	4,800	4,900	4,800	- 100	0
Bakery Products	12,500	11,700	11,100	800	1,400
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,400	5,500	- 100	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,000	66,300	63,700	- 300	2,300
Paper & Allied Products	21,800	21,700	22,000	100	- 200
Printing & Publishing	68,700	68,600	67,500	100	1,200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,200	35,000	34,900	200	300
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,600	79,700	81,200	- 100	- 1,600
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,100	43,500	44,500	- 400	- 1,400
Petroleum Refining	40,300	40,700	41,700	- 400	- 1,400
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,100	9,300	0	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	32,000	31,700	30,500	300	1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,220,100	5,202,400	5,207,400	17,700	12,700
Mining	291,100	288,500	296,500	2,600	- 5,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	281,900	279,300	287,000	2,600	- 5,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,200	9,200	9,500	0	- 300
Construction	384,900	387,700	419,000	- 2,800	- 34,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,900	379,300	378,600	4,600	5,300
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,100	25,800	100	- 600
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,000	182,000	178,200	4,000	7,800
Transportation by Air	35,100	34,400	35,900	700	- 800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	92,700	92,400	95,000	300	- 2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,000	79,800	79,600	200	400
Electric Services	44,900	44,800	44,100	100	800
Gas Production & Distribution	29,700	29,600	30,400	100	- 700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,551,500	1,544,600	1,543,300	6,900	8,200
Wholesale Trade	430,500	429,600	437,100	900	- 6,600
Retail Trade	1,121,000	1,115,000	1,106,200	6,000	14,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,700	49,800	47,100	- 100	2,600
General Merchandise Stores	151,500	147,000	148,200	4,500	3,300
Food Stores	198,600	197,900	194,600	700	4,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	121,900	122,400	123,000	- 500	- 1,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,000	79,900	83,700	2,100	- 1,700
Other Retail Trade	517,300	518,000	509,600	- 700	7,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	375,000	374,300	367,200	700	7,800
Banking	100,200	100,200	100,200	0	0
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,000	120,000	120,100	0	- 100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	154,800	154,100	146,900	700	7,900
Services	1,179,200	1,178,100	1,162,800	1,100	16,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	67,400	67,500	66,700	- 100	700
Personal Services	74,500	74,100	74,500	400	0
Business & Repair Services	315,600	314,600	310,200	1,000	5,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	43,900	44,200	45,600	- 300	- 1,700
Health Services	330,900	331,500	325,000	- 600	5,900
Educational Services	64,600	63,900	61,000	700	3,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,300	282,300	279,800	0	2,500
Total Government	1,054,500	1,049,900	1,040,000	4,600	14,500
Total Federal Government	179,100	178,200	173,500	900	5,600
Total State Government	243,300	241,900	235,100	1,400	8,200
Total Local Government	632,100	629,800	631,400	2,300	700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,200	77,500	101,400	100,200	96,100	313,200	311,300	301,100
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,600	3,800	5,600	4,600	4,600	11,500	11,100	12,700
Percent Unemployed	4.9	4.5	4.9	5.5	4.6	4.8	3.7	3.6	4.2
Total Employment 2/	76,500	76,600	73,700	95,800	95,600	91,500	301,700	300,200	288,400
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,700	181,200	182,700	87,000	86,700	83,800	53,400	53,300	51,700
Total Unemployment	21,300	21,900	23,000	12,600	12,400	12,300	1,600	1,700	2,100
Percent Unemployed	11.9	12.1	12.6	14.5	14.3	14.7	3.0	3.2	4.1
Total Employment 2/	158,400	159,300	159,700	74,400	74,300	71,500	51,800	51,600	49,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	170,000	171,000	164,900	1,805.5	1,801.4	1,724.4	195,300	195,700	192,200
Total Unemployment	16,300	17,400	13,100	80.8	81.6	97.5	20,400	20,500	22,500
Percent Unemployed	9.6	10.2	7.9	4.5	4.5	5.7	10.4	10.5	11.7
Total Employment 2/	153,700	153,600	151,800	1,724.7	1,719.8	1,626.9	174,900	175,200	169,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,000	92,200	90,500	1,793.5	1,793.8	1,772.1	74,500	74,200	70,800
Total Unemployment	9,100	9,600	11,000	137.7	146.0	143.6	3,700	3,700	4,400
Percent Unemployed	9.9	10.4	12.2	7.7	8.1	8.1	5.0	5.0	6.2
Total Employment 2/	82,900	82,600	79,500	1,655.8	1,647.8	1,628.5	70,800	70,500	66,400
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,200	39,200	41,000	79,900	80,100	80,000	113,500	111,100	107,500
Total Unemployment	8,300	8,500	9,400	7,600	8,000	9,300	7,800	6,200	5,300
Percent Unemployed	21.2	21.7	22.9	9.5	10.0	11.6	6.9	5.6	4.9
Total Employment 2/	30,900	30,700	31,600	72,300	72,100	70,700	105,700	104,900	102,200
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	116,400	115,600	115,000	69,400	69,000	63,600	74,700	74,200	72,100
Total Unemployment	21,400	22,700	21,000	3,700	3,800	3,100	5,600	5,700	4,700
Percent Unemployed	18.4	19.6	18.3	5.3	5.5	4.9	7.5	7.7	6.5
Total Employment 2/	95,000	92,900	94,000	65,700	65,200	60,500	69,100	68,500	67,400
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,000	47,700	47,000	503,100	501,800	475,100	39,400	39,200	40,300
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,200	2,200	26,800	27,400	29,400	2,600	2,500	4,100
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.5	6.2	6.6	6.4	10.2
Total Employment 2/	45,600	45,500	44,800	476,300	474,400	445,700	36,800	36,700	36,200
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,100	52,000	51,300	76,000	75,600	72,900	40,700	40,800	40,600
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,700	5,100	4,300	4,200	4,700	3,300	3,300	3,800
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.0	9.9	5.7	5.6	6.4	8.1	8.1	9.4
Total Employment 2/	47,400	47,300	46,200	71,700	71,400	68,200	37,400	37,500	36,800
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	88,200	88,000	84,500	67,900	67,800	66,800	7,673.3	7,666.0	7,456.9
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,300	4,700	3,400	3,700	4,900	521.5	532.2	565.6
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.9	5.6	5.0	5.5	7.3	6.8	6.9	7.6
Total Employment 2/	83,800	83,700	79,800	64,500	64,100	61,900	7,151.8	7,133.8	6,891.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.± 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov.± 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov.± 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 372.67	$ 370.53	$ 351.35	41.5	41.4	40.2	$ 8.98	$ 8.95	$ 8.74
Durable Goods	368.46	364.15	350.32	41.4	41.1	39.9	8.90	8.86	8.78
Lumber & Wood Products	245.39	246.02	234.21	39.2	39.3	39.1	6.26	6.26	5.99
Furniture & Fixtures	236.41	242.79	234.42	39.6	40.6	39.8	5.97	5.98	5.89
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	358.44	359.86	328.10	43.5	43.2	42.5	8.24	8.33	7.72
Primary Metal Industries	394.21	390.17	391.58	39.5	38.9	37.4	9.98	10.03	10.47
Fabricated Metal Products	367.02	363.53	347.65	41.1	40.8	38.8	8.93	8.91	8.96
Machinery, Exc. Electric	363.62	355.83	350.06	41.7	40.9	39.6	8.72	8.70	8.84
Oil Field Machinery	434.30	413.29	422.67	41.8	40.4	39.1	10.39	10.23	10.81
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	378.14	379.74	349.13	41.6	42.1	39.9	9.09	9.02	8.75
Transportation Equipment	502.02	482.80	486.76	42.4	41.3	43.0	11.84	11.69	11.32
Aircraft & Parts	519.06	492.85	494.47	42.2	40.9	42.7	12.30	12.05	11.58
Instr. & Related Products	322.00	327.23	291.45	40.3	40.7	37.9	7.99	8.04	7.69
Misc. Mfg. Industries	322.46	318.38	280.02	43.4	43.2	40.7	7.43	7.37	6.88
Nondurable Goods	379.47	379.13	352.35	41.7	41.8	40.5	9.10	9.07	8.70
Food & Kindred Products	327.08	323.24	300.88	42.7	42.7	41.5	7.66	7.57	7.25
Meat Products	286.62	286.57	265.68	42.4	42.9	41.0	6.76	6.68	6.48
Malt Beverages	625.60	622.66	616.07	42.5	42.3	43.6	14.72	14.72	14.13
Textile Mill Products	262.28	252.05	260.15	42.1	41.8	43.0	6.23	6.03	6.05
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	182.14	186.20	169.33	37.4	38.0	35.8	4.87	4.90	4.73
Paper & Allied Products	421.07	420.30	397.01	44.7	45.0	43.2	9.42	9.34	9.19
Printing & Publishing	353.97	347.65	316.22	41.4	40.9	38.8	8.55	8.50	8.15
Chemicals & Allied Products	587.88	594.81	552.08	42.6	42.7	42.5	13.80	13.93	12.99
Petroleum & Coal Products	611.40	600.06	555.90	43.3	42.8	42.5	14.12	14.02	13.08
Petroleum Refining	636.77	623.24	576.55	43.2	42.6	42.3	14.74	14.63	13.63
Leather & Leather Products	223.55	225.50	199.20	42.5	41.3	40.0	5.26	5.46	4.98
Other Nondurable Goods	387.17	388.08	344.40	43.6	44.2	42.0	8.88	8.78	8.20
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	480.24	490.36	467.86	46.0	46.0	45.6	10.44	10.66	10.26
Oil & Gas Extraction	483.00	493.58	469.68	46.0	46.0	45.6	10.50	10.73	10.30
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	375.48	379.14	410.32	44.7	44.5	44.6	8.40	8.52	9.20
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	423.34	426.38	389.62	39.9	39.7	38.5	10.61	10.74	10.12
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	428.58	431.36	404.01	42.1	41.2	41.1	10.18	10.47	9.83
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.36	233.93	226.44	34.5	34.2	34.0	6.88	6.84	6.66
Wholesale Trade	364.80	360.87	340.89	40.0	39.7	39.5	9.12	9.09	8.63
Retail Trade	188.24	184.90	180.94	32.4	32.1	31.8	5.81	5.76	5.69
General Mdse. Stores	163.60	164.84	156.51	29.8	29.7	29.2	5.49	5.55	5.36
Banking	235.06	233.12	228.69	36.5	35.7	37.8	6.44	6.53	6.05

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$370.12	$364.15	$347.33	41.4	41.1	40.2	$ 8.94	$ 8.86	$ 8.64
Durable Goods	390.10	384.09	366.51	41.5	41.3	40.1	9.40	9.30	9.14
Nondurable Goods	326.68	321.10	305.02	41.3	40.8	40.4	7.91	7.87	7.55
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	452.15	450.05	429.93	42.1	42.1	41.3	10.74	10.69	10.41
Durable Goods	406.85	402.95	395.44	41.9	41.8	40.6	9.71	9.64	9.74
Nondurable Goods	523.64	525.68	489.90	42.4	42.6	42.6	12.35	12.34	11.50
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	283.30	273.36	257.11	41.6	40.8	39.8	6.81	6.70	6.46
Durable Goods	301.49	290.56	280.57	41.3	40.3	41.2	7.30	7.21	6.81
Nondurable Goods	265.23	256.47	234.85	41.9	41.3	38.5	6.33	6.21	6.10

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Manufacturing contributed an additional 1,200 jobs between October and November, although most of the industries recorded only small increases. Gains and losses were interspersed in durable goods, which generated a total growth of 700 jobs in November. Two segments of durable goods managed gains of 700 each, but these were partially offset by losses elsewhere. The oil field machinery portion of nonelectrical machinery responded to increased mining activity by adding 700 positions over the month. Transportation equipment manufacturers also recorded 700 new jobs in November, as employment in ship and boat building and repair pushed upward. A labor-management dispute idled some workers in aircraft and parts, but more business in the other sectors of transportion equipment more than made up for these losses.

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Small, scattered increases in electric and electronic equipment were responsible for more moderate growth in this sector. Two segments -- fabricated metal products and instruments and related products -- remained unchanged over the month. Three durable goods sectors which are closely tied to construction fared poorly over the month. Lumber and wood products and stone, clay and glass products both supply materials to builders, and the decline in construction activity has affected these industries adversely. Furniture and fixtures is also related to construction, and this sector showed a small employment decrease in November.

Nondurable goods industries also had offsetting growth and declines, with a net result of only 500 jobs gained over the month. The largest single industry advance in manufacturing occurred in food and kindred products, on the strength of an 800 increase in bakery products as extra workers were hired for the holidays. The other nondurable goods category rose by 300 as seasonal increases occurred in rubber and plastics products. Apparel and other finished textile products recorded the largest decline in nondurable goods, as employment tapered off after the pre-Christmas rush.

HOURS AND EARNINGS ADVANCE

As manufacturing rallied in November in Texas, hours worked and hourly earnings rose. The average production worker was working an average of 41.5 hours a week in November for $8.98 an hour, and earning an average of $372.67 a week. Average weekly hours were up 0.1 hour from October, but had increased 1.3 hours from November 1982, when Texas manufacturing was severely depressed. Average hourly earnings were also up minimally over the month by 3¢, but had risen by 24¢ over the year. Manufacturing production workers in November totaled 720,000, up 2,000 from October but down 4,000 from November 1982.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982
Total Population	16,020,800	15,465,200
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	2.2
UI Covered Employers	294,843	285,292
Total Claims Actions	533,732	805,017
Total Initial Claims Actions	65,406	88,288
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	468,326	716,729
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$134.67	$128.49
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$55,578,639	$79,975,332
Total Placements	36,365	29,892

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	111,795.0	112,147.0	110,477.0
Unemployment	8,992.0	9,129.0	11,628.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	8.1	10.5
Total Employment	102,803.0	103,018.0	98,849.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,136.0	112,036.0	111,129.0
Unemployment	9,195.0	9,364.0	12,036.0
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.4	10.8
Total Employment	102,941.0	102,672.0	99,093.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,741.0	7,673.3	7,495.4
Unemployment	549.2	521.5	556.9
Percent Unemployed	7.1	6.8	7.4
Total Employment	7,191.8	7,151.8	6,938.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,773.0	7,657.0	7,527.0
Unemployment	600.0	516.0	601.0
Percent Unemployed	7.7	6.7	8.0
Total Employment	7,173.0	7,141.0	6,926.0

UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES

Statewide actual unemployment rose slightly between November and December, with an additional 27,700 jobless in December. Total unemployment in mid-December was 549,200, and the actual unemployment rate was 7.1 percent compared to November's 6.8 percent. At the same time, employment also rose over the month, as 40,000 additional job-holders pushed the total to 7,191,800 -- once again a record high.

The seeming paradox of increases in both employment and unemployment occurred as more job-seekers entered the labor force in December than could be accommodated by the number of new jobs created over the month. Although the unemployment rate did climb moderately over the month, the current rate was still below the year-ago rate of 7.4 percent.

In the seasonally adjusted series, unemployment increased by 84,000 over the month, pushing the rate up a full percentage point, from 6.7 percent in November to 7.7 percent in December. The current seasonally adjusted rate was also lower than the 8.0 percent recorded in December 1982. The U. S. actual unemployment rate declined minimally, from 8.1 percent in November to 8.0 percent in December 1983. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation also dropped slightly, from 8.4 percent to 8.2 percent.

Among the 26 major labor market areas, unemployment rose in 21 areas, while three areas had slightly lower rates and one was unchanged over the month. The 3.2 percent recorded by Bryan-College Station was the lowest rate in December, while Laredo once again recorded the highest, with 22.0 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Texas continued to move upward in December, rising to its highest level since July 1982. Total salaried nonfarm jobs rose by 31,700 between November and December, and in the four-month period since August 1983, the number of jobs had risen by 150,500 -- a considerably better record

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec.'83*	Nov.'83**	Dec.'82*	Dec.'83*	Nov.'83**	Dec.'82**	Dec.'83*	Nov.'83**	Dec.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	61,000	61,000	60,600	80,300	79,800	78,800	278,000	275,600	272,800
Manufacturing	5,600	6,000	6,900	10,900	11,000	10,400	34,400	34,300	33,500
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,300	800	800	800
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,400	2,900	3,100	3,100	16,100	15,600	14,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,500	6,500	6,400	7,900	7,900	7,800
Trade	16,300	15,900	15,900	25,300	24,600	24,900	64,900	63,200	62,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,300	4,300	4,100	17,300	17,400	17,600
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	13,700	14,600	14,600	14,700	54,300	54,600	53,400
Government	9,700	9,700	9,400	13,800	13,700	12,900	82,300	81,800	82,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,800	144,200	147,000	59,400	59,100	57,900	45,000	44,900	43,800
Manufacturing	33,400	33,300	34,400	8,700	8,800	8,800	3,100	3,200	2,900
Mining	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100	1,600	1,500	1,600
Construction	9,800	10,000	11,000	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,100	2,800	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,300	12,200	12,500	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,100	2,000	1,900
Trade	35,000	34,200	34,300	17,800	17,500	16,800	9,400	9,100	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,300	26,000	10,600	10,600	10,300	5,900	6,000	6,000
Government	20,000	20,200	20,600	12,500	12,400	12,100	17,900	18,400	17,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,500	133,300	133,500	1,610.0	1,601.8	1,549.4	166,500	165,500	165,400
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,800	314.5	313.3	307.2	38,400	38,300	37,500
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.6	32.5	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,200	12,200	12,400	87.1	87.9	83.2	7,700	7,800	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,500	7,400	7,600	99.6	99.0	97.3	10,400	10,400	10,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	32,100	444.5	436.6	427.7	40,900	39,900	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,600	6,300	123.4	122.5	117.3	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,800	24,700	319.8	321.6	301.3	27,000	26,900	27,600
Government	27,100	27,100	26,400	188.5	188.4	182.6	34,300	34,400	33,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	69,600	69,800	68,700	1,560.4	1,555.8	1,570.3	63,400	62,600	60,900
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	11,100	221.8	222.1	238.8	8,800	8,600	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	105.9	105.1	102.6	--	--	--
Construction	5,200	5,400	4,700	132.3	135.5	141.8	3,800	3,800	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,400	6,300	106.5	107.5	108.4	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	13,100	12,900	13,100	378.4	370.9	381.5	14,400	14,000	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,500	102.3	102.0	100.1	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	9,900	10,100	10,100	332.6	332.2	319.4	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	19,100	19,200	18,100	180.6	180.5	177.7	19,400	19,300	19,200

2/ In Thousands

than this category had shown for the past year. Hiring for the Christmas season generated a sizeable portion of the over-the-month increase, but some industries were registering growth unrelated to the Holiday period.

Nonmanufacturing industries contributed over 80 percent of the increase in December. The largest increase was recorded in trade, as might be expected at this time of year. Over 25,000 additional positions were created in this sector, with most of the growth centered in the retail portion. Employment in general merchandise stores rose by 10,000 in December, and apparel and accessory stores added another 7,200 jobs. Other retail trade, which includes mail order houses, produced another 6,500 positions.

Government employment increased by 5,700 over the month, as the U. S. Postal Service hired temporary workers to assist during the Christmas rush, and other federal and local agencies also added workers. Employment in oil and gas rose for the third consecutive month, with 1,500 additional jobs. Demand for domestic oil has fluctuated during the past six months and is expected to continue to vacillate during the coming year.

Jobs in transportation and public utilities increased on the strength of growth in transportation, except railroads, which added 1,300 positions in December. Much of

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Industry	Dec.'83*	Nov.'83**	Dec.'82**	Dec.'83*	Nov.'83**	Dec.'82**	Dec.'83*	Nov.'83**	Dec.'82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,200	30,000	30,900	68,400	68,100	68,400	91,200	90,900	90,200
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,700	15,900	16,000	16,500	10,300	10,200	11,400
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,500	4,500	4,500	700	700	600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,500	4,300	4,300	4,600	3,900	4,100	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200	3,900	3,900	3,700	4,900	5,000	4,800
Trade	9,500	9,300	10,100	17,800	17,300	17,500	27,300	26,700	26,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,500	1,500	2,800	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,100
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	5,000	11,300	11,300	11,200	17,600	17,700	16,900
Government	6,900	6,800	6,600	7,900	7,900	7,600	21,300	21,300	20,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	80,500	79,400	79,300	56,000	54,800	51,500	57,900	57,100	55,900
Manufacturing	10,000	9,700	9,000	4,400	4,000	4,200	6,000	6,000	6,700
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,700	13,100	13,100	13,400	8,300	8,300	7,900
Construction	5,800	5,800	5,800	4,100	4,100	4,200	5,700	5,600	5,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,600	3,200	3,200	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	25,800	25,100	26,100	12,600	12,100	11,000	16,100	15,500	15,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,200	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,200	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,800	9,900	9,600	8,000	9,100	9,100	8,200
Government	21,300	21,400	21,200	5,000	5,000	4,600	7,600	7,500	6,800
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,100	36,100	36,400	441,600	440,300	422,500	33,500	33,700	33,300
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,600	49,500	49,500	48,800	11,000	11,100	10,700
Mining	600	600	700	3,500	3,400	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,100	29,000	29,300	27,200	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,700	19,300	19,400	18,400	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	9,100	8,900	9,200	116,700	115,500	109,400	7,000	7,000	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	30,100	30,000	28,900	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,200	94,900	95,000	90,900	5,800	5,800	5,800
Government	6,600	6,600	6,400	98,600	98,200	95,700	4,700	4,800	4,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,500	46,600	45,400	57,300	57,000	55,300	73,500	73,700	71,400
Manufacturing	8,400	8,500	8,400	11,000	11,000	10,900	15,000	15,200	14,300
Mining	200	200	200	3,200	3,200	3,500	--	--	--
Construction	2,200	2,400	2,000	2,400	2,400	2,400	3,800	3,800	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	11,400	11,100	11,100	15,400	15,100	14,400	18,200	18,200	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,500	4,500	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,300	11,400	11,400	11,000	16,800	16,900	16,000
Government	13,200	13,200	12,600	7,900	7,900	7,300	12,000	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	54,300	54,000	52,800						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	8,200						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200						
Trade	13,800	13,500	13,600						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	9,000						
Government	10,800	10,800	10,800						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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** Revised.

this gain was seasonal, as more goods were shipped and more people traveled during the Holidays. The other portions of this industry group, communications and public utilities, remained basically unchanged over the month.

Rising demand for apartments generated increases among real estate operators and lessors, resulting in a moderate rise in other finance, insurance and real estate. More business also pushed employment up somewhat in banking, for a total increase in finance, insurance and real estate between November and December.

Inclement weather seriously affected employment in all sectors of construction in December, as much colder than usual temperatures hit Texas. The combination of bad weather and the continuing higher interest rates and tight money dropped employment in construction by 7,100 over the month; and this sector has lost 30,600 jobs between December 1982 and December 1983. In fact, construction employment accelerated during 1983 only in June, when activity is normally high.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY	Dec. 1983*	Nov. 1983**	Dec. 1982**	Change From Nov. 1983	Change From Dec. 1982
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,263,400	6,231,700	6,219,700	31,700	43,700
Manufacturing	1,016,100	1,010,800	1,005,900	5,300	10,200
Durable Goods	589,800	585,900	583,100	3,900	6,700
Lumber & Wood Products	40,100	40,200	37,700	- 100	2,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,900	7,600	0	300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,500	16,400	15,700	100	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,200	49,500	44,700	- 300	4,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,600	23,600	21,200	0	2,400
Primary Metal Industries	39,300	39,100	37,600	200	1,700
Fabricated Metal Products	85,100	85,400	87,100	- 300	- 2,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,700	45,300	45,300	- 600	- 600
Machinery, Except Electrical	141,500	139,700	149,100	1,800	- 7,600
Oil Field Machinery	45,200	44,700	50,800	500	- 5,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	103,500	101,300	99,100	2,200	4,400
Transportation Equipment	78,100	77,800	75,000	300	3,100
Aircraft & Parts	39,100	39,000	39,100	100	0
Instruments & Related Products	22,900	22,800	23,700	100	- 800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,600	13,700	13,400	- 100	200
Nondurable Goods	426,300	424,900	422,800	1,400	3,500
Food & Kindred Products	100,300	98,900	98,300	1,400	2,000
Meat Products	26,500	27,000	26,700	- 500	- 200
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Bakery Products	13,200	12,500	11,200	700	2,000
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,300	5,500	100	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,300	66,300	63,600	0	2,700
Paper & Allied Products	22,100	21,800	22,000	300	100
Printing & Publishing	69,100	69,000	67,300	100	1,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,400	35,400	34,700	0	700
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,300	79,700	81,400	- 400	- 2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,100	43,100	44,400	0	- 1,300
Petroleum Refining	40,300	40,300	41,700	0	- 1,400
Leather & Leather Products	9,000	9,000	9,300	0	- 300
Other Nondurable Goods	31,700	31,800	31,000	- 100	700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,247,300	5,220,900	5,213,800	26,400	33,500
Mining	292,700	291,200	297,800	1,500	- 5,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	283,500	282,000	288,300	1,500	- 4,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,200	9,200	9,500	0	- 300
Construction	378,500	385,600	409,100	- 7,100	- 30,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	385,600	384,200	377,900	1,400	7,700
Railroad Transportation	25,300	25,300	25,700	0	- 400
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,800	185,500	177,700	1,300	9,100
Transportation by Air	34,700	35,200	36,200	- 500	- 1,500
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	93,500	93,400	94,900	100	- 1,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,000	80,000	79,600	0	400
Electric Services	45,000	44,900	44,200	100	800
Gas Production & Distribution	29,600	29,700	30,400	- 100	- 800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,577,000	1,551,500	1,557,400	25,500	19,600
Wholesale Trade	430,800	429,500	433,500	1,300	- 2,700
Retail Trade	1,146,200	1,122,000	1,123,900	24,200	22,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,600	49,600	47,000	0	2,600
General Merchandise Stores	161,600	151,500	153,500	10,100	8,100
Food Stores	198,900	198,500	195,000	400	3,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	121,900	121,900	122,900	0	- 1,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	89,300	82,100	88,700	7,200	600
Other Retail Trade	524,900	518,400	516,800	6,500	8,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	376,000	375,400	368,200	600	7,800
Banking	100,400	100,200	100,600	200	- 200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,200	120,200	120,000	0	200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	155,400	155,000	147,600	400	7,800
Services	1,177,400	1,178,600	1,161,500	- 1,200	15,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	66,100	67,100	66,500	- 1,000	- 400
Personal Services	74,500	74,500	74,100	0	400
Business & Repair Services	315,300	315,100	311,100	200	4,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	44,500	44,100	46,500	400	- 2,000
Health Services	331,000	330,800	323,800	200	7,200
Educational Services	63,900	64,800	60,000	- 900	3,900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,100	282,200	279,500	- 100	2,600
Total Government	1,060,100	1,054,400	1,041,900	5,700	18,200
Total Federal Government	180,800	179,000	174,400	1,800	6,400
Total State Government	243,700	243,200	237,600	500	6,100
Total Local Government	635,600	632,200	629,900	3,400	5,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.
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